

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as shown below:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An online trading system for extensively inviting purchasers by showing an article to the public online, and concluding a deal ~~fast~~quickly by putting up the article to an auction after public showing it for a predetermined period ~~is provided~~. The online trading system of the present invention receives and stores submission of an article for sale ~~of an article and information of the article~~ and selects ~~an auctiona site~~ at which the article is to be auctioned. ~~On the other hand, the~~The online trading system shows the article information ~~of the article~~ to the public via a ~~communicating unit~~communication means, receives an application for purchase ~~of the article~~ and, if there is no application for purchase within a predetermined period or until a predetermined date and time, puts up the article to the auction ~~selected in advance~~. According to the present invention, a deal can be concluded ~~fast~~quickly by showing an article to the public online to extensively invite purchasers and by putting up the article to an auction after a predetermined period.